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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and

claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH

MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Applicant has amended the specification and abstract to comport with United States

Patent and Trademark Office Rules. In addition, Applicant has amended the claims to eliminate

multiple dependency and to comport with U.S. practice, which is totally unrelated to

patentability. No new matter is added.

In view of the above, it is respectfully believed that all the presently submitted claims are

allowable and a Formal Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited. It is believed that the

application is in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner feels otherwise, a telephone

interview is respectfully requested. An early notice of allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Following is a marked-up version of the Specification with all changes shown by conventional comparison (underlining and bracketing):